Censor board to check vulgarity in music channels

†588. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a Censor Board to have a check on vulgar music videos being shown on television channels every day in abundance;

(b) if so, the deails thereof; and

(c) if not, the effective steps Government are going to take to have a check on vulgar music videos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the provisions of Cinematograph Act 1952, all Music Videos/ Music Albums are to be certified by the Central Board of Films Certification (CBFC). It is the responsibility of TV Channels to see whether the particular version of the Music Video/Music Album, that is slated for telecast, has been certified by the CBFC. Programme Code for TV Channels, transmitted/retransmitted through Cable Network, also stipulates that no programme should be carried on the Cable Service which contravenes the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952 and which is not sutiable for unrestricted public exhibition. All the TV Channels have recently been asked by the Government to strictly adhere to the said provisions. Also Government had constituted Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into violations of the Programme Code. Action for violation can also be taken by "Authorised officers" notified under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

Use of digital storage system

589. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan failed to ensure proper use of digital storage system during the year 2001-02 and if so, the reasons therefor;

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